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FROM: DPD (1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10)

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25X1 ANSWERS TO QUERIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

25X1 A. [ ] ASKED [ ] FOR APPROVAL FOR ONE ELINT FLIGHT IN PERIOD  
 25X1 UP TO 20 DECEMBER. OPINION HERE IS THAT IF NO GO GIVEN AFTER [ ]  
 25X1 LANDED [ ] WHOLE CARAVAN SHOULD WITHDRAW TO [ ] FOR FURTHER  
 25X1 TRY. NO READ OUT YET AVAILABLE ON [ ] ADVICE FOR FURTHER TRY  
 25X1 BUT WOULD PERSONALLY PRESS FOR TRY-OUT ON [ ] DEPUTIES FIRST  
 25X1 WITH [ ] READY TO STEP IN AGAIN WITH [ ] IF REQUIRED. BELIEVE  
 25X1 ENOUGH DETERMINATION HERE TO RESOLVE THIS ONE IF REQUIRED.

25X1 B. IF WE DONT RUN BY 20 DECEMBER FIRM INTENTIONS TO TRY OUT HAND  
 25X1 ON [ ] ASAP AFTER FESTIVE SEASON.

25X1 C. OPERATIONAL FLEXIBILITY IS DIFFICULT ONE. APPROVAL TO FLY AT  
 25X1 [ ] 200 WAS GIVEN IMMEDIATELY BY [ ] WHO SUBSEQUENTLY  
 25X1 SOUGHT NEAREST AND HIGHEST [ ] TO TWIST HIS ARM. POINT IS THAT  
 YOU MUST PRESS ON AND TELL US WHAT YOU CONSIDER BEST AND WHY AND WE

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25X1 WILL SORT IT OUT. THIS BUSINESS OF OPERATIONAL FLEXIBILITY HAS CROSSED  
MY MIND BEFORE ESPECIALLY AS TOP BRASS NOT ALWAYS AVAILABLE BUT FAIR  
25X1 AMOUNT OF CONFIDENCE NOW BUILT UP IN CHANCE IF NOT [ ] PERSONNEL  
AND HAVE ALWAYS THOUGHT WE WOULD SURMOUNT AT THE TIME OUR DIFFICULTIES  
OF WORKING AT LONG RANGE.

25X1 C. HOPE MADE MYSELF CLEAR. OPERATIONAL FLEXIBILITY IS DIFFICULT  
TO TIE DOWN BEFORE HAND BUT IT COULD PERHAPS BEAR A FURTHER LOOK AND  
25X1 YOU MAY CONSIDER THAT A VISIT TO [ ] BY MEMBER OF YOUR STAFF TO  
DISCUSS THIS WOULD BE WORTHWHILE.

END OF MESSAGE

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